# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:27
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
ILLEGAL ROUTING OF CALLS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that several private operators and companies providing mobile service are causing loss to the tune of crores of rupees to the BSNL and MTNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; along with the recoveries made so far;

(c) whether no action is being taken against these companies despite the criminal cases registered against them;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 27 FOR 2ND MARCH, 2005 REGARDING ILLEGAL ROUTING OF CALLS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited (RIL) was found to be changing (Tampering) the Calling Line Identification (CLI) of incoming international calls to domestic CLI and was then handing over (diverting) these calls to BSNL & MTNL as domestic calls.

The details of recoveries made so far are tabulated as under:-

| Penalty imposed on M/s Reliance Infocomm | On account of | Amount raised | Amount Received |
|---|---|---|---|
| By DOT on 23.12.2004 | Violation of license agreement | Rs. 150 Crores | - |
| By BSNL | Violation of Interconnect Usage Charge agreement | Rs. 263.4 Crores | Rs. 182.7 Crores |
| By MTNL | Violation of Interconnect Usage Charge agreement | Rs. 341.28 Crores | Rs. 111.80 Crores |

(c) No, Sir. Action is being taken.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) For violation of License Agreement a penalty of Rs. 150 Crores was imposed by DOT to M/s Reliance on 23.12.2004. Against

which a case was filed in TDSAT by RIL. BSNL and MTNL took action as per violation of Interconnect Usage Charge Agreement between them and M/s Reliance. The cases are subjudice.